

## **Iowa County Health Committee Meeting Minutes 6/5/2008**

Meeting called to order by Philip Mrozinski at 8:35 a.m.

Present: Philip Mrozinski, Linda Pittz, John Meyers, and Joe Thomas. Mike Wolkomir excused.

Others Present: June Meudt and Randy Terronez.

Election of Officers:

John Meyers nominated Philip Mrozinski for Chairperson. No other nominations. Linda Pittz seconded. Carried.

Joe Thomas nominated John Meyers for Vice Chairperson. John Meyers nominated Linda Pittz for Vice Chairperson. No other nomination. Joe Thomas seconded. It was decided to do a hand raising vote. Linda Pittz received three votes and John Meyers one. Linda is the Vice Chairperson. Carried.

Motion for certification of open meeting by Linda/John. Carried.

Motion to approve March minutes by Linda/John. Carried.

Motion to approve June agenda by Joe/John. Carried.

Agenda:

June discussed role of the Health Committee, gave handouts on State Statutes, communicable disease statistics, and Health Committee Budget. She will arrange for Mary Young from the Southern Regional Office to come and speak at a committee meeting.

Two issues were brought up: use of speaker phone and email. A committee member can be present via speaker phone; however, that person cannot be counted as part of the quorum for a meeting. Randy said that email must be used cautiously when discussing issues as a committee. It is ok to pass on articles but members should not email the entire group with discussion or opinions as it could be a "walking quorum" and not in line with open meeting laws. It is ok to ask a question and get an answer but not to send out to all members. Discussion needs to be done at meetings.

June invited members to come to the Health Department to see how operations work.

Current Issues:

1. Smoking Ordinance for county property:
  - a. A small committee will meet and come up with a plan and present to the full health board (Linda, Phil, June and possibly Mike). Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Health Department is the date. The group discussed use of public forums to get some community feedback.
  
2. Agent Status:
  - a. June will send out the draft ordinance to all members. She has sent it to the Corporate Counsel. There was much discussion on this. It will be discussed again in August. June may have someone from the state here to help answer questions.

3. Public Health Preparedness & Response (PH P&R):
  - a. Exercise July 2<sup>nd</sup> at SW TECH. Please come if you can.
  - b. Linda asked about doing a webinar so that all EMS/Fire could view it.
  - c. An antiviral distribution meeting is tomorrow for clinics and the hospital (a handout was given to explain this)
  - d. Kim Horst, Health Educator, has been doing good outreach in the community.
  
4. Community Needs Assessment:
  - a. Being done with PH P&R dollars
  - b. A large community meeting will be in October
  - c. Helps to give direction to programs for local health departments.
  
5. Dental Bus:
  - a. Served 90 new children
  - b. Will be back in November
  - c. Other initiatives being looked at to provide dental services.
  
6. Other:
  - a. HMO contracts for MA clients. June to send to Corporate Counsel and bring back to board in July for action.
  - b. June to apply for "Project Partner" activity as it needs to be in by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If approved, she will come back to the committee for final approval. A stipend does come with this.
  - c. A new state law allows public health nurses to certify WDOT forms for special disabled plates and temporary disabled parking cards. A letter was sent to the secretary of the DOT regarding issues with diagnosing outside of a nurse's scope of practice for public health. We are waiting for more direction on this.

The next health committee meeting is July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Iowa County Health Department. Agenda items are Tobacco Policy and HMO Contracts.

Motion to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. by John/Joe. Carried.

Recorder: J. Meudt